

Submitted: April 20, 2017

Approved: April 20, 2017

**MINUTES OF THE ROCKVILLE
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING NO. 3-2017
Thursday, March 16, 2017**

The City of Rockville Historic District Commission convened
in the Mayor and Council Chambers on
March 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Rob Achtmeyer, Chair
Emily Correll
Matthew Goguen
Anita Neal Powell
Stefanie Tincher

Present: Sheila Bashiri, Preservation Planner
Jim Wasilak, Chief of Zoning
Cynthia Walters, Deputy City Attorney

I. AGENDA REVIEW WORKSESSION (Black Eyed Susan Conference Room)

Chair Achtmeyer introduced staff and noted that the worksession was held, and that no decisions were made.

II. COMMITTEE / ORGANIZATION REPORTS

- A. Peerless Rockville – Nancy Pickard, Executive Director, announced that over 150 people have attended the Peerless Rockville series on education equality after emancipation in Rockville. The last presentation in the series is upcoming. She also distributed comments from Peerless Rockville on the Historic Preservation Text Amendment, and noted that Peerless looked forward to working with the Commission on this and the Historic Preservation Element of the Master Plan.
- B. Lincoln Park Historical Foundation – Commissioner Neal Powell noted that the Foundation had recently held its conference on African American Preservation, and will be sponsoring several upcoming walking tours. The Foundation will also help celebrate the anniversary of the founding of Lincoln Park in June.
- C. Public Comments/Open Forum – No members of the public spoke.
- D. HDC and Staff Comments – Commissioner Goguen reported that he attended the African American Preservation Conference and noted the speakers who presented. He commended Commissioner Neal Powell on the conference. He also noted that he served as a judge of senior papers at the recent Montgomery County History Day. He also pointed out that this week is Advocacy Week for historic preservation on Capitol Hill. Commissioner Correll noted that she

judged junior papers at History Day, and will be giving a presentation on March 25 concerning the experience of a Rockville woman during the Civil War. Sheila Bashiri also attended the African American Preservation Conference, and commended Commissioner Neal Powell. She also noted that the Confederate monument would be moving to White's Ferry from the grounds of the Red Brick Courthouse.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 16, 2017

B. CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL HDC2017-00834, City of Rockville Department of Recreation and Parks – for the addition of a bicycle rack at the Pump House, 401 South Horners Lane.

Commissioner Goguen noted several typos in the draft minutes. Commissioner Neal Powell moved, seconded by Commissioner Tincher, to approve the consent agenda with the changes noted by Commissioner Goguen. The motion passed 3-0, with Commissioners Achtmeyer and Correll abstaining.

IV. CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL

A. Certificate of Approval HDC2017-00835, Alvin Aubinoe – to relocate the driveway, add curb cuts, add accessible parking, add pervious pavement, install new landscaping and a vintage clock.

Ms. Bashiri presented the staff report and recommendation, which was for approval. She noted that the proposal had received courtesy review previously.

Alvin Aubinoe, applicant and property owner, explained the improvement project and answered questions from Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the appropriateness of the installation of the clock on the property.

Commissioner Correll moved, seconded by Commissioner Tincher, to approve Certificate of Approval HDC2017-00835, with the exception of the installation of the clock. The motion passed 5-0.

V. DISCUSSION

A. Update of Draft Historic Preservation Text Amendment – Jim Wasilak noted that the text amendment would be coming to the Mayor and Council on April 17 for a discussion and potential authorization to file, and that the HDC would then consider it at the May meeting.

B. Training – Ms. Bashiri reminded the Commission that the HDC retreat would occur on May 6 at the Pump House, and would include training from the MAHDC. She also noted that another training session would be offered by the City of Gaithersburg next week.

VI. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Achtmeyer adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.